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OPIC Finow Airfield

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SOURCE

1. On 29 June 1951, 30 swept-back jet fighters, about 12 to 15 single-engine aircraft, and 4 biplanes were parked at Finow airfield. [REDACTED] 25X1B
[REDACTED] were seen on four swept-back jet fighters parked on the eastern edge of the field. Only a few flights were made. The cloud base was about 500 meters. Three jet fighters with blue numbers landed at the field. Two men were seen in the cockpit of the planes. All three planes had an antenna rod lateral to the rear. After landing, the jet fighters were parked on the southern edge of the field together with four other jet planes. Two blue single-engine aircraft with radial engines were parked next to the seven jet fighters. The red number 87 was seen on the fuselage of one of them.* It appeared that one single-engine plane was assigned to each group of four jet fighters because several such groups were seen on the field.
2. Five tank trucks and seven medium-sized cross-country vehicles were parked behind the nine aircraft on the southern edge of the field. The approach road to these vehicles was marked with a road sign on which the Russian letter "A" and a circle, broken in four places, were painted. Four additional jet planes with which no flights were made had a streamline-shaped object under each wing to the right and left sides of the landing gear. The body looked like a bomb or an auxiliary tank.
3. During the night of 29 June, there was intensive flying at the field. Two jet fighters took off simultaneously. At the concrete road on the northern edge of the field there were two stand pipes for drawing fuel from railroad tank cars on the Finow-Finowfurth railroad line. The pipe lines, which were not underground, led to the fuel dump on the northern edge of the field.
4. On 30 June, there was intensive flying by jet fighters. The weather was good. When the formation flights of up to 6 planes were made, it was observed that the individual units were usually led by a plane with a blue number, whereas the other aircraft had red numbers. [REDACTED] 25X1B

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5. Between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. on 2 July, the field was occupied by 35 MiG-15s, 5 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, 3 biplanes, and 1 dark green twin-engine low-wing monoplane. Four of the MiG-15s

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_____ were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. The planes had a wire leading from the antenna rod to the rudder assembly. Six MiG-15s without numbers on their noses were parked about 300 meters from the eastern edge of the field. Each of these six planes had a cylinder-shaped object, about 1 meter long, under each wing. The object projected about 30 cm beyond the leading edge of the wing. Above this projecting object there was a rod the tip of which was in line with the tip of the unidentified object. It appeared that the object was a rocket or a bomb. Besides the two bulges on top of each wing these aircraft had a third bulge on the fuselage. It was previously observed that the MiG-15s with the cylinder-shaped objects flew slow.*** Of the six MiG-15s described, three had their engines running. Two of the eight MiG-15s parked on the southern edge of the field were being refueled from tank trucks parked by the left wing. A man who stood on the left wing looked into the pilot's cabin while the plane was being refueled. There was no flying during the time of observation.

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6. No aircraft crates or the assembly of planes was seen. _____

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_____ The radio installation east of the field was unchanged. The Dumbo radar set was still on the northern edge of Finow-North airfield.

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8. On 13 July, 7 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, 1 twin-engine plane, and 14 MiG-15s were counted at the field. The red numbers 19, 20, 26, and 1180 were seen on four MiG-15s. An estimated additional 20 MiG-15s and 5 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were also parked at the field.

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_____ Comment. The airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments, equipped with MiG-15s, some Yak-11s, and PO-2s. Previously, aircraft with blue numbers have been seen only on aircraft of the fighter regiments stationed in Wittstock and Laerz. It is believed that the aircraft with blue numbers seen at Finow airfield were stationed there only temporarily. The single-engine planes with radial engines are Yak-11s.

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_____ Comment. Formerly only two-digit black and red numbers have been seen on aircraft stationed at Finow airfield. Since April 1951, also

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_____ have been observed. A total of 34 different red two-digit numbers and 31 red four-digit aircraft numbers have been seen so far. It appears that the aircraft which formerly had black numbers have been given four-digit red numbers. Recently, only individual black numbers were seen.

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_____ Comment. For sketch of object under the wing, see Annex.

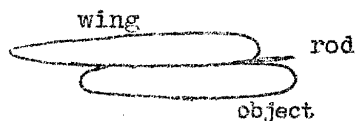
1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

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Annex to

Object

Seen Under Wing of MiG-15 at Finow Airfield



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